Utilisation of off-shore gas in Maharashtra

1510. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Working Group was constituted for utilisation of off-shore gas in Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra had demanded 14.7 million cubic meters of gas per day;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra recommended the demand of Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. for 1 million cubic meters of methanic gas; and

(d) whether Government have considered these demands; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) In 1979, a Working Group under the chairmanship of Adviser (Energey) Planning Commission was set up to examine the optimum utilisation of gas from the Western Offshore Region. From time to time this question has been examined in view of the changes in the availability of gas, and other relevant parameters.

(b) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra have made requests for allocation of gas for various projects from time to time. At present about 14.5 MMCMD of gas has been committed for various projects in Maharashtra (including ONGC's internal consumption at Uran). This included 0.15 MMCMD of gas for M/s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.

Distribution of Power in the States

1511. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any formula for the distribution of power in the States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Details regarding the sharing formula for distribution of power from Central generating stations to the States of the Region are given below:—

Sharing Formula for :

I. *Central Sector Thermal Power Projects*

(i) 15 per cent power is kept unallocated at the disposal of the Centre to meet the urgent requirements of individual States in the Region from time to time,

(ii) 10 per cent power is allocated to the "Home State" in which the power station is located,

(iii) The balance 75 per cent power is distributed amongst the beneficiary States in the Region, including the "Home State", in accordance with the energy consumption by, and the Central Plan assistance to, the States during the last five years. The needs of the Union Territories are also met by appropriate allocation.

II. *Central Sector Hydro-Electric Power Projects*

(i) 15 per cent of the generation capacity is kept as "unallocated" at the disposal of the Central Government to be distributed within the Region or outside, depending upon overall requirements;

(ii) The "Home State" *i.e.* where the project is located is supplied 12 per cent of power from the energy generated by the power station, free of cost. The "energy generated" figure for the purpose is calculated at the bus-bar level, *i.e.* after discontinuing the auxiliary consumption but without taking into account the transmission line losses; and

(iii) The remaining power (73 per cent) is distributed between the States of the Region (including the "Home State") on the basis of Central assistance given to various States in the Region during the last five years and on the basis of consumption of electricity in the States in the Region in the last five years, the two factors being given equal weightage.

Import of paper

1512. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import paper and kraft paper in view of its high prices in the country;

(b) if so, what is the quantity value thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Except for certain speciality papers, which are allowed for import, indigenous production of paper and paper board is considered adequate to meet the current demand.

Collapsing of newly constructed bottling plant of Bharat Petroleum at Bokarbida, Uran (Maharashtra)

1513. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a newly constructed LPG bottling Plant of Bharat Petroleum at Bokarbida, Uran (Maharashtra) costing Rs. 135 crores collapsed, near another tank where 100 employees were on duty; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken against the officials responsible for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

भारत में प्राकृतिक गैस के उत्पादन के लिये विश्व बैंक द्वारा ऋण

1514. **श्री विश्वासराव रामाराव पाटिल :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विश्व बैंक ने भारत में प्राकृतिक गैस के उत्पादन में सुधार लाने के लिये भारत को 29.5 करोड़ डालर का ऋण देने की घोषणा की थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और यह धनराशि किस प्रकार खर्च की जायेगी ; और

(ग) इस समझौते के निबन्धन और शर्तें क्या क्या हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) और (ख) तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग की कुछ पश्चिमी तटवर्ती और अपतटीय गैस विकास परियोजनाओं के लिए भारत सरकार को स्वीकृत 29.5 करोड़ अमरीकी डालर के ऋण के लिए विश्व बैंक के साथ करारों पर अप्रैल, 1988 में हस्ताक्षर किए गए हैं ।